

Remarks

Claims 1-38 were pending. Due to the Restriction Requirement, claims 1-29 are canceled without prejudice to prosecution in one or more continuing or divisional applications. No claims are added. Therefore, claims 30-38 are now pending in the application.

Claims 30-38 are amended to clarify that the presence of hybridization indicates that the strain is quinolone susceptible (not quinolone resistant). Support for this amendment can be found throughout the specification, for example the paragraph bridging pages 21-22 of the specification.

The specification was amended to include the patent number and issue date of the priority application, and to amend the title in view of the restriction requirement election.

No new matter is introduced by these amendments, and no amendments were made to distinguish prior art.

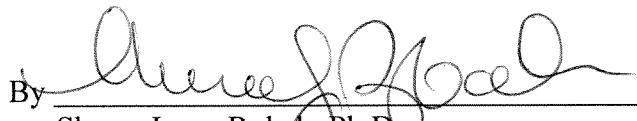
In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group III, directed to a method of determining the quinolone resistance of an *Enterobacteriaceae* species (claims 30-38).

If there are any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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